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The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I agree that it may be true. But I understand that the cross is put up on private property outside the town limits."

Loans to ryots in Bellary and Anantapur famine zone to discharge their prior debts.

* 389 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to grant loans to people of Anantapur and Bellary famine zone to discharge their old debts;

(*b*) if so, what the proposed allotment for the current year is; and

(*c*) whether any proposals have been called for from the Collector of Anantapur as regards the requirements of the Anantapur district in this connexion?

A.—(*a*) The Government propose to grant loans for the relief of indebtedness under the Agriculturists Loans (Madras Amendment) Act, 1935. It has been decided to introduce the scheme in the first instance as an experimental measure in two divisions in the Presidency, the Chingleput division of the Chingleput district and the Rajahmundry division of the East Godavari district. These areas are considered the most suitable for the experimental working of the scheme. After the results of the experiment in these two areas are known it is proposed to extend the operation of the scheme to the other districts of the Presidency, including the Bellary and Anantapur districts.

(*b*) No special allotment has yet been made.

(*c*) The Government have not called for any proposals. They presume that the Board of Revenue will obtain the necessary estimates from the Collector of Anantapur.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao :—" May I ask the Hon. the Revenue Member whether Anantapur and Bellary districts will be taken into consideration for the grant of loans to discharge indebtedness especially in view of the present recovery from famine? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" Their case will be considered when we decide on the lines on which to proceed."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" It is stated in reply to clause (*a*) that they are awaiting the results of their experiment in some districts before they extend their operation to other districts. May I know, what arrangements Government have made to advance loans to very deserving cases before the results of the experiment are known to Government? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" There is no particular arrangement. We will carry on in a general way till we know from these experiments what is the best line to go on."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"It is said that these areas are considered most suitable for the experiment. May I know what the special reasons are?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I gave the reasons yesterday, I think."

Control of Vehicles

Revision of the Motor Vehicles Rules.

* 390 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the new motor rules which have been revised by the committee appointed by the Government for the purpose are;

(b) whether they have been considered by the Government;

(c) when they are likely to be brought into effect;

(d) whether the draft rules, as modified, have been published inviting public criticism, and if so, when and, if not, when they are likely to be published as such; and

(e) to which of the associations or recognized bodies the said rules have been or are to be sent inviting opinion thereon; if not, why not?

A.—(a) The remarks of all District Magistrates, the Inspector-General of Police, the Commissioner of Police and certain non-official associations have been invited.

(b) After the remarks of all those consulted have been received the draft rules will be taken up for consideration by Government.

(c) It is not possible to say at present.

(d) The draft rules will be published for public criticism after they have been considered by Government.

(e) Opinions of the following associations have been invited:—

(1) Automobile Association of Southern India.

(2) The Madras Motor Vehicles Importers and Allied Merchants' Association.

(3) The Indian Roads and Transport Development Association.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, when the Committee concluded its sittings and submitted its report to the Government?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"Some six months ago, Sir."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether it was the recommendation of the Committee that roads should not be specified for plying motor buses?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"I know there is a recommendation to say that restriction should as far as possible be avoided. I am not in a position to say anything more definite just now because the rules have not yet been considered in detail."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, why, when private associations have been consulted with regard